

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 15, 2021

Assistant to the City Manager Recruitment

This week the City began the recruitment process for an Assistant to the City Manager. The application deadline for the position is February 5, 2021. The complete announcement and job description is available on the City's webpage.

Cottage Grove is Migrating

The City of Cottage Grove is in the process of migrating our web presence to a new address: cottagetroveor.gov. The new address will provide additional security and validity to emails and interactions because anyone can secure a ".org" address but the allocation of the ".gov" addresses is strictly controlled. The migration has occurred for our website with both the old ".org" address and the new ".gov" address being active for our website. We will keep the cottagetroveor.org domain to maintain control of the address and prevent it from being misused. During 2021 we will begin the migration of City email addresses over to the .gov domain.

Weekly Update # 13 Southmayd Family Rebuilding Project (by Jason Bush)

I received confirmation from both Starfire and Rosboro that between the two of them, they have donated all of the lumber for the trusses and the typical framing lumber. Another critical component of the Truss Company being more likely to be in a position to fabricate the trusses for little or nothing is that Michael Query, of MiTek's Residential North America division, has donated the mending plates needed to fabricate the engineered trusses. This was almost \$1,200. Thank you, Michael, and MiTek!

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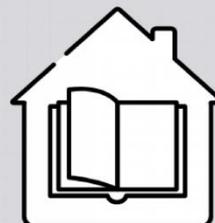
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John Steinbaugh of Forward Assist, Luke Morley of Lakeside Lumber, and Jeff Fish, of Jeff Fish Construction have been internally discussing how they could help the Southmayds and recently contacted me by email. They have all worked together in the past helping our veterans, and are doing all they can to help us get the word out there. Luke has put me in contact with Brett Rekamp of KXL and Alpha Broadcasting, the home of Lars Larson. They have all been sending out feelers to gain support. Thank you all!

We have confirmed that JBE Engineering's Robert Johnson has been in contact with the Southmayds lawyer, and it appears that they will be able to help us out with a detailed report of the actual structural conditions of the "repaired home", barring any unforeseen conflicts. Randy Van Camp of Van Camp Construction, is the other gentlemen that has agreed to help with a report for the lawyer in regards to what it would cost to repair the existing home, so we have made some strides there.

Misty & Jayson, Jack Applegate, CEO and President of Northwest Code Professionals, and myself were all interviewed by Nick Reiher, a journalist that works for the International Code Council. He must have spent 5 to 6 hours total amongst the four of us. I also sent him most of the documents previously prepared. We anxiously await to view the article in their Building Safety Journal.

I had a Zoom conference call this afternoon with Cindy McGrew, Founder and CEO of Operation Second Chance (OSC), and Board Members, Andrew Lourake and Tim Sanders. It was a very enlightening meeting, as one of the drawbacks of a Go Fund Me account is the fact that whoever set it up will be responsible for the income on their taxes. We are working on a simple resolution to that thanks to OSC. It sounds like they will create a web-site that tells our story in their unique way. It will be accessed from their web-site, and could be up within a week. You can view an example on their website: www.operationsecondchance.org. At the top right click on the tab "AAFVH," and you'll see it's a pretty amazing story. They are also in the process of creating a financial account on our behalf that will issue a tax credit receipt for all donations to include materials and labor.

Andrew Lourake is also on the board of directors for "Combat Wounded Veterans Challenge" (CWVC). Based in Florida, their web-site can be found at www.combatwounded.org and, their web-site is well worth the visit, and again, their board of directors is impressive to say the least.

Quote of the Week:

"The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it – and the glow from that fire can truly light the world. And so, my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

~John F. Kennedy, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961~